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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONMail Stop Amendments
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005. The Examiner has identified claim 40 as the generic claim, which Applicants respectfully submit to be in condition for allowance. In order to fully respond to the Office Action, Applicants hereby conditionally elect Species A, which includes claims 40-47 and 50-68.

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Respectfully submitted,
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